

## **Judge Calvin Johnson (ret)**



### **Biography**

Judge Johnson received his undergraduate degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge in 1969. He served four years in the United States Air Force receiving an honorable discharge in 1973. Judge Johnson received his Jurisdoctorate from Loyola Law School in 1978. In 1981 he became a faculty member of the Loyola Law School and in 1985 he became a full professor of law at Loyola Law School. He served as the Director of the Loyola Law Clinic Criminal Clinic and was responsible for teaching several courses including Professional Responsibility. He became an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School in 1990 and still teaches a class every fall.

Judge Johnson was elected to the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court in 1990. He was the first African American elected to the Criminal District Court bench. In 2004 Judge Johnson became the first African American Chief Judge of that court. When Katrina struck he was the Chief Judge of the Court.

While at the Criminal District Court he served as a Drug Court Judge from 1995 until 2002. In 2002 Judge Johnson established the first Mental Health Treatment Court in the State of Louisiana.

Judge Johnson received the La. Supreme Court Justice Albert Tate Award for Judicial Excellence, the Louis A. Martinet Award for Judicial Excellence, the ACLU Ben Smith Award for Community Service and the Loyola Law School Alumni of the year award.

The Judge retired from the criminal court in January of 2008. In March 2008 he was asked by the transformation team appointed by the Governor to serve as the interim

director of the Metropolitan Human Service District. Today he still serves as the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Human Service District.